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EARTH. FIRE. WIND. WATER. HEART.
WITH THEIR POWERS COMBINED, THEY SUMMON EARTH'S GREATEST CHAMPION: CAPTAIN PLANET.
BUT THESE PLANETEERS NEED TO LEARN TO TRUST EACH OTHER FIRST.

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THE GULF OF MEXICO
"GOTTA ADMIT, I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU'D CALL AGAIN THIS SOON..."
THE GAUNTLETS WORKED LIKE A CHARM--THIS RIG'S BLEEDIN' LIKE A STUCK PIG...
TRUST ME, BOSS... GREEDLY PETROLEUM'S STOCK PRICE IS ABOUT TO GET SLAUGHTERED.
WELL DONE, MY FRIEND--BUT I'M ACTUALLY CALLING TO DISCUSS ANOTHER MATTER...
WE'VE GOT A SITUATION DEVELOPING IN NEW YORK...
A HIGH-PRIORITY RETRIEVAL THAT MAY REQUIRE... UNCONVENTIONAL TACTICS.
CAN I COUNT ON YOU TO HANDLE THIS, SOLDIER?
NOT A PROBLEM, MISTER PLUNDER--JUST AIM ME IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
THERE'S A REASON WHY FOLKS CALL ME DUKE NUKEM...

NEW YORK CITY
"'CAUSE FOR THE RIGHT PRICE... I'LL TURN ANYONE INTO SCORCHED EARTH."
ASSAULT TEAM, THIS IS COMMANDER BLEAK--I'VE GOT EYES ON THE TARGET...
THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING, FREAK--SURRENDER THE RINGS NOW, OR WE'LL TAKE 'EM BY FORCE!
THE NAME'S CAPTAIN PLANET, COMMANDER...
AND I'VE FOUGHT AGAINST CORRUPT SCUM LIKE YOU FOR MILLENNIA.
MAKE NO MISTAKE--THESE PLANETEERS ARE UNDER MY PROTECTION...
AND I WON'T GIVE UP ON THEM WITHOUT A FIGHT.

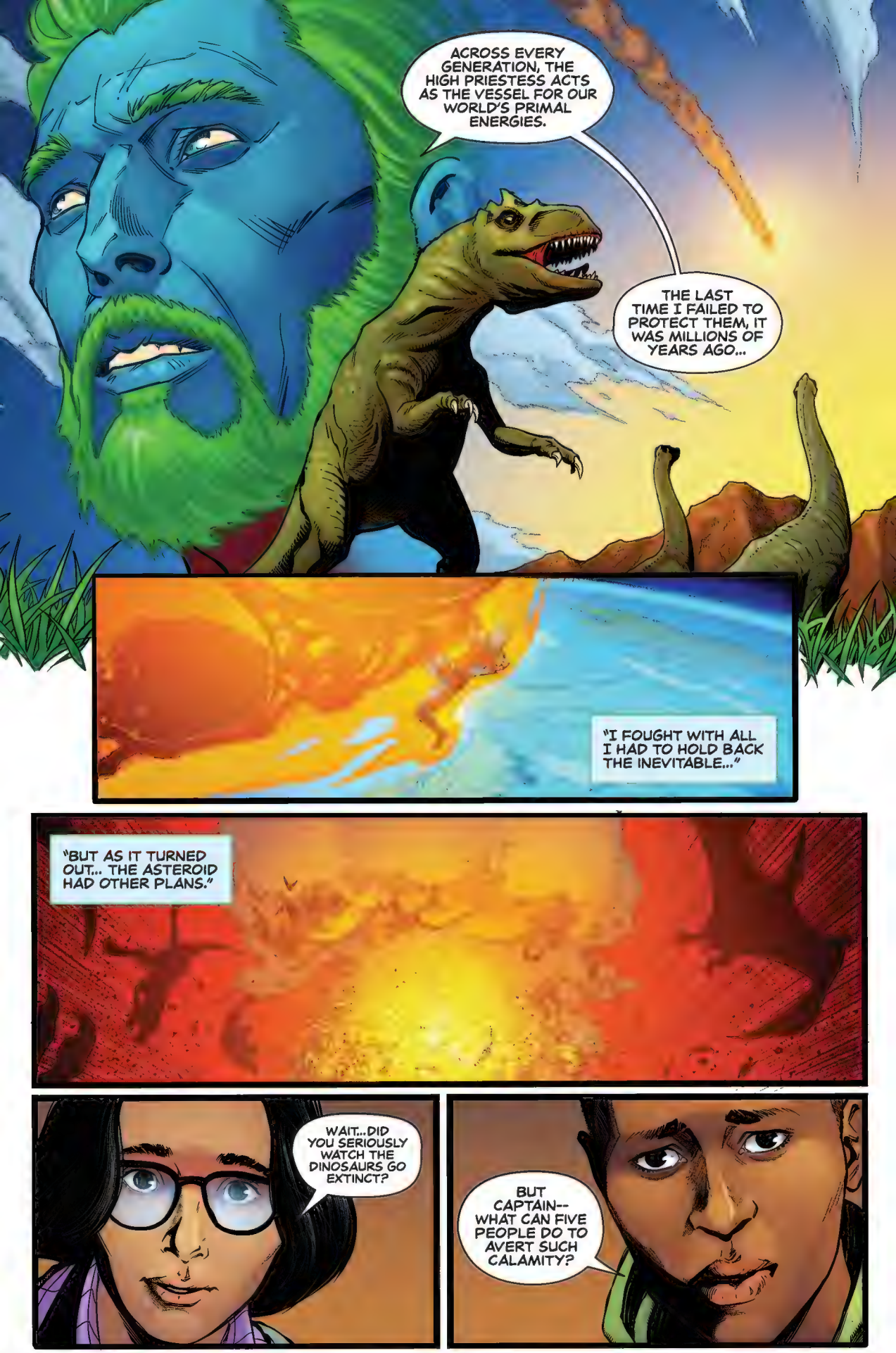
BRAKA BRAKA BRAKA
FINE--IT'S YOUR FUNERAL, PAL...
DEPLOYING CONCUSSION ROUNDS!
STAND BEHIND ME, FRIENDS...
NOTHING A SUPERHEATED PLASMA SHIELD CAN'T HANDLE!
FROOSH
FTHOOM! FTHOOM! FTHOOM!
IT'S LIKE I SAID, BLEAK--IF YOU COME AFTER MY PEOPLE...?
YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME FIRST.
KWAME, SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT...I CAN'T SUMMON THE WINDS!
IT'S NOT JUST YOU, LINKA--MY RING WON'T RESPOND EITHER...

"WHEN WE SUMMONED CAPTAIN PLANET... IT ROBBED US OF OUR POWERS!"
GET OUT OF HERE, PLANETEERS--I'LL HANDLE THESE METAL MONSTERS!
WE TOOK YOU DOWN ONCE BEFORE, YOU BLUE-SKINNED CHUMP...
SHZRAK!
YOU AIN'T GONNA LIKE WHAT HAPPENS IN THE REMATCH!
YOU HEARD THE MAN, GI-- IF OUR RINGS DON'T WORK, IT'S TIME TO MAKE TRACKS!
WE CAN'T JUST ABANDON THESE PEOPLE, WHEELER--WE'VE GOT TO HELP THEM FIRST!
BRAKKA BRAKKA
I'M GONNA END YOU, FREAK--!
NO--!
FTHOOOM!
MA-TI-- LOOK OUT!
RRNNKK
JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES-- I'VE GOT YOU...

THOOOM!
NOT THAT I DON'T APPRECIATE THE HELP...
BUT I CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE!
THAT WAS A BRAVE THING YOU DID, MA-TI...
BUT HOW'D YOU KNOW I'D MAKE IT IN TIME?
I DIDN'T, CAPTAIN-- BUT I KNOW YOUR HEART BETTER THAN MOST...
AND YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO SEE ANYBODY DIE.
SO YOU'RE JUST A REGULAR HUMANITARIAN, EH, CAP...?
TOO BAD I ALREADY GOT YOUR NUMBER--YOU'VE GOT A WEAKNESS AGAINST HAZMATS...
FOOM! FOOM! FOOM!
SO I'LL BET YOU'D LOVE THE TASTE OF HALOTHANE GAS!
KAFF-- CAPTAIN! WE C-CAN'T BREATHE...
TSSSSSSSSS

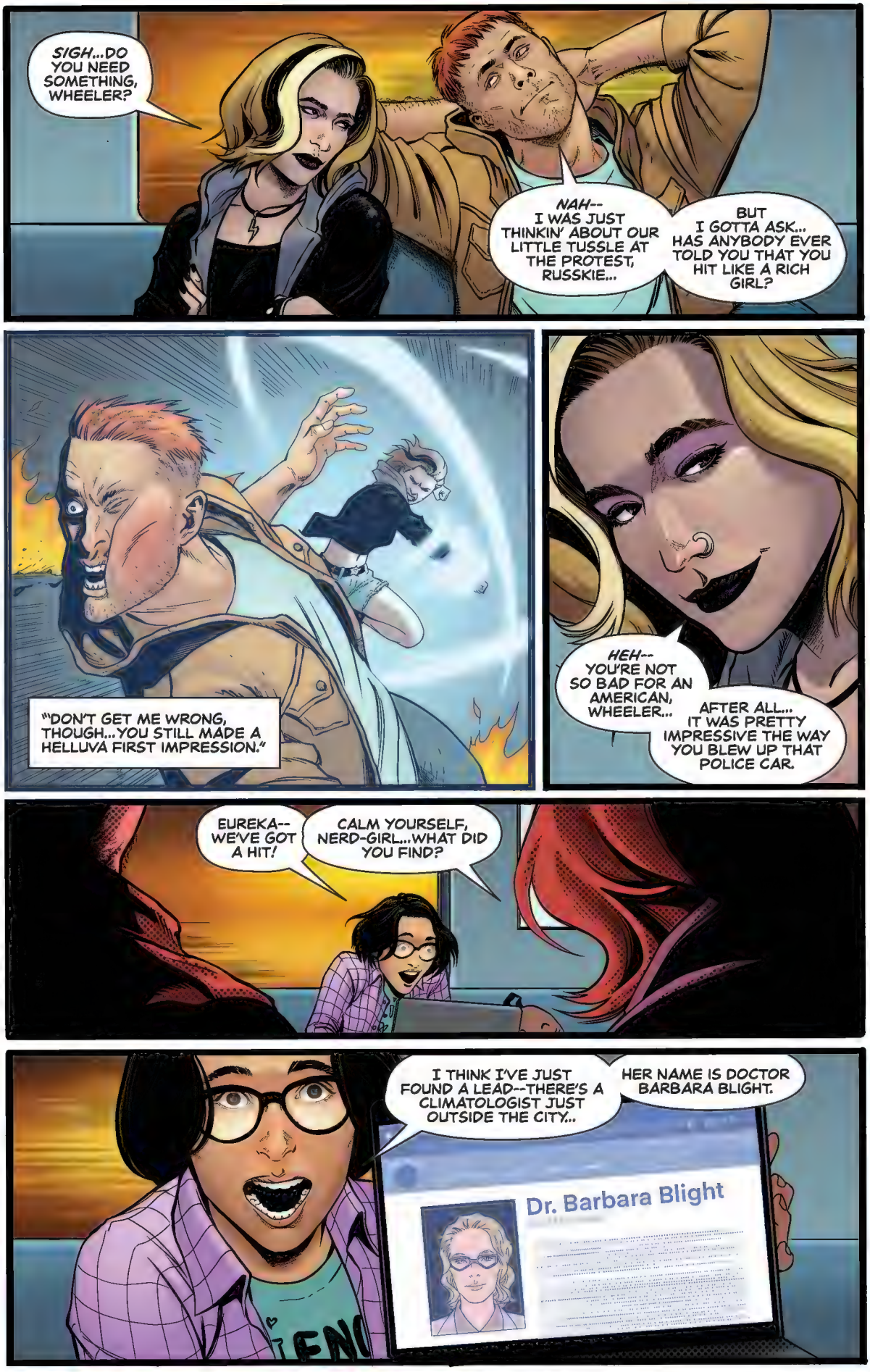
HRRN--I CAN'T FAIL GAIA AGAIN...
JUST ONE CHANCE FOR SOME BREATHING ROOM...
FWOOOSH
FWOOOSH
SONUVA-- BAROMETRIC PRESSURE JUST PLUMMETED--!
WE'VE GOT A FULL-SCALE TORNADO ON OUR HANDS!
BLAST IT, PEOPLE--GIMME A SITREP!
DOES ANY-ONE STILL HAVE EYES ON THE TARGETS?!
NEGATIVE, COMMANDER--WE'VE LOST VISUAL...

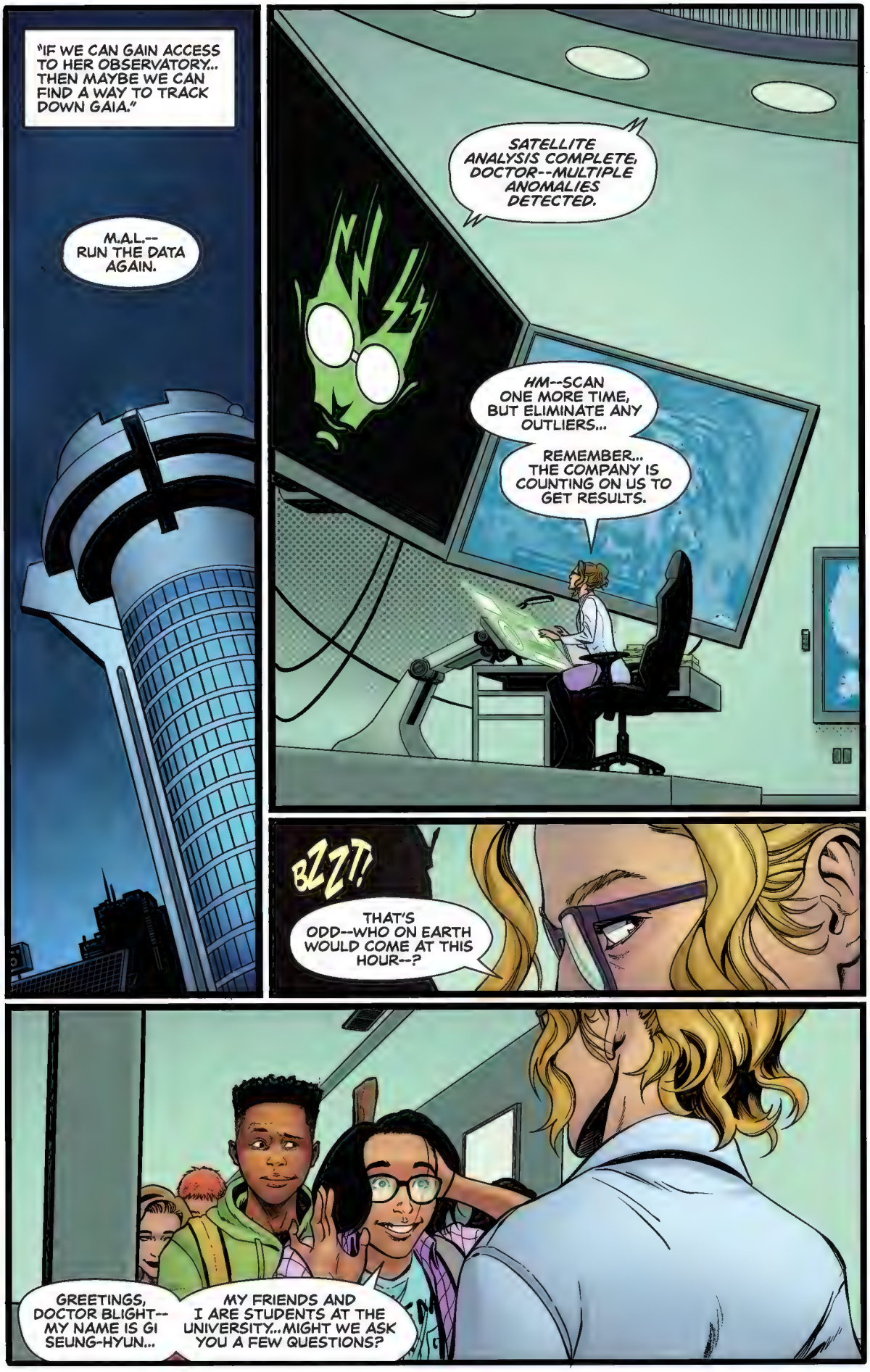
"I REPEAT... ALL TARGETS ARE IN THE WIND!"
MAN, IT'S BAD ENOUGH WE'VE GOTTA CRAWL THROUGH THE SEWERS...
SO DOES ANY-BODY KNOW WHO THE HELL THOSE ROBO-COP REJECTS WERE?
THEY'RE CLEARLY AFTER OUR RINGS, WHEELER--THEY ARRESTED ME AND KWAME RIGHT AFTER WE LANDED...
WHILE YOUR OUTBURST AT THE PROTEST BROUGHT DOWN THE HEAVY ARTILLERY.
CAPTAIN-- ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
NNF--D-DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, MA-TI...
THIS WORLD'S ATMOSPHERE IS SO POLLUTED NOW--I CAN'T HOLD MY FORM FOR LONG...
L-LISTEN TO ME--WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME...
YOU'VE BEEN CHOSEN TO WIELD THE RINGS OF THE PLANETEERS...
"THE FIVE ACOLYTES BROUGHT TOGETHER TO PROTECT GAIA... THE HIGH PRIESTESS OF THE EARTH."

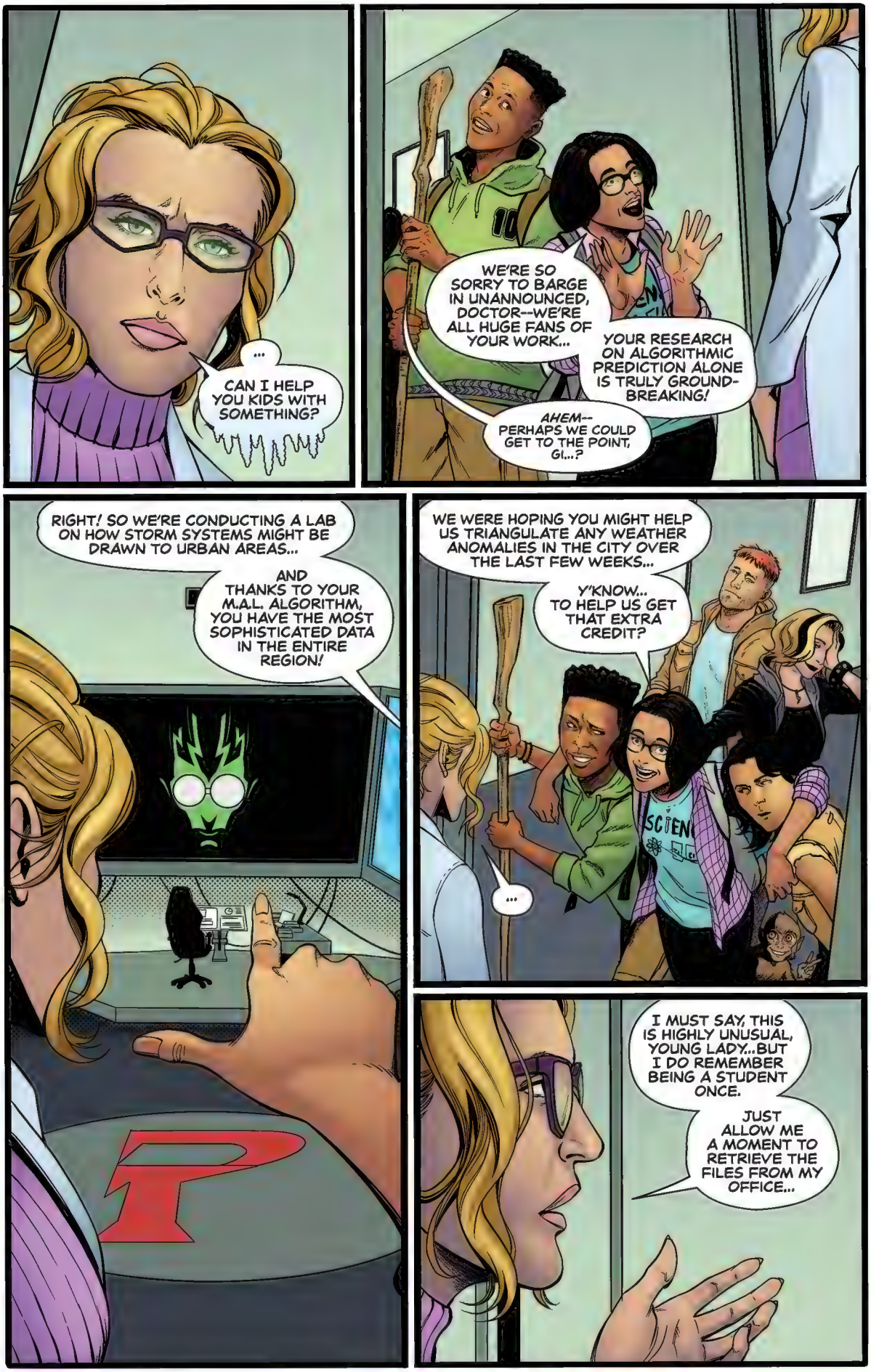

ACROSS EVERY GENERATION, THE HIGH PRIESTESS ACTS AS THE VESSEL FOR OUR WORLD'S PRIMAL ENERGIES.
THE LAST TIME I FAILED TO PROTECT THEM, IT WAS MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO...
"I FOUGHT WITH ALL I HAD TO HOLD BACK THE INEVITABLE..."
"BUT AS IT TURNED OUT... THE ASTEROID HAD OTHER PLANS."
WAIT...DID YOU SERIOUSLY WATCH THE DINOSAURS GO EXTINCT?
BUT CAPTAIN-- WHAT CAN FIVE PEOPLE DO TO AVERT SUCH CALAMITY?

KWAME--
YOU ALWAYS WERE THE BEDROCK, EVEN BEFORE THE RING FOUND YOU...
YOU SHOULDN'T BE FORCED TO CARRY SUCH A BURDEN... BUT YOU MUST LEAD THE OTHERS UNTIL I CAN RETURN.
FORGIVE ME, PLANETEERS...BUT IT'S UP TO YOU NOW TO SAVE THE WORLD.
YOU MUST FIND GAIA BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...
REMEMBER... THE POWER IS YOURS.
SO... WE'RE THE PLANETEERS NOW?
HONESTLY... AS FAR AS BAND NAMES GO, THAT'S NOT HALF-BAD.
WOO! LOOK, EVERYBODY-- OUR POWERS ARE BACK!
I CAN FEEL THE CAPTAIN'S SPIRIT INSIDE MY RING--HE NEEDS TIME TO RECOVER BEFORE HE CAN RETURN.
GREAT-- EXCEPT I DUNNO HOW LONG WE'LL MAKE IT WITH OL' ROCKY HERE IN CHARGE.
SO TELL US... DO YOU GOT A PLAN OR WHAT, FEARLESS LEADER?
WE'LL NEED TO FIND A WAY TO KEEP AHEAD OF OUR PURSUERS FIRST, WHEELER...

"BUT WHEN YOU'RE IN A CITY COMPRISED OF EIGHT MILLION PEOPLE...?
"YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW EASILY ONE CAN DROP OUT OF SIGHT."
MA-TI... CAN I ASK YOU A PERSONAL QUESTION?
FORGIVE ME FOR PRYING--I SAW YOU RUSH TO PROTECT THAT CHILD EARLIER...
YET WHEN THOSE MACHINES FIRST ATTACKED, YOU NEVER FOUGHT BACK--WHY?
IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF FEAR, KWAME...ONLY RESOLVE.
AS A CHILD, I ONCE SWORE REVENGE UPON THE MINING COMPANIES THAT STOLE MY PEOPLE'S LAND...
BUT WHEN THE RING FOUND ME, IT PURGED ALL HATRED FROM MY HEART...
AND NO MATTER WHAT THE COST...I'LL NEVER RAISE A HAND IN ANGER AGAIN.


SIGH...DO YOU NEED SOMETHING, WHEELER?
NAH-- I WAS JUST THINKIN' ABOUT OUR LITTLE TUSSLE AT THE PROTEST, RUSSKIE...
BUT I GOTTA ASK... HAS ANYBODY EVER TOLD YOU THAT YOU HIT LIKE A RICH GIRL?
"DON'T GET ME WRONG, THOUGH...YOU STILL MADE A HELLUVA FIRST IMPRESSION."
HEH-- YOU'RE NOT SO BAD FOR AN AMERICAN, WHEELER...
AFTER ALL... IT WAS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE THE WAY YOU BLEW UP THAT POLICE CAR.
EUREKA-- WE'VE GOT A HIT!
CALM YOURSELF, NERD-GIRL...WHAT DID YOU FIND?
I THINK I'VE JUST FOUND A LEAD--THERE'S A CLIMATOLOGIST JUST OUTSIDE THE CITY...
HER NAME IS DOCTOR BARBARA BLIGHT.
Dr. Barbara Blight


"IF WE CAN GAIN ACCESS TO HER OBSERVATORY... THEN MAYBE WE CAN FIND A WAY TO TRACK DOWN GAIA."
M.A.L.-- RUN THE DATA AGAIN.
SATELLITE ANALYSIS COMPLETE, DOCTOR--MULTIPLE ANOMALIES DETECTED.
HM--SCAN ONE MORE TIME, BUT ELIMINATE ANY OUTLIERS...
REMEMBER... THE COMPANY IS COUNTING ON US TO GET RESULTS.
BZZT!
THAT'S ODD--WHO ON EARTH WOULD COME AT THIS HOUR--?
GREETINGS, DOCTOR BLIGHT-- MY NAME IS GI SEUNG-HYUN...
MY FRIENDS AND I ARE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY...MIGHT WE ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS?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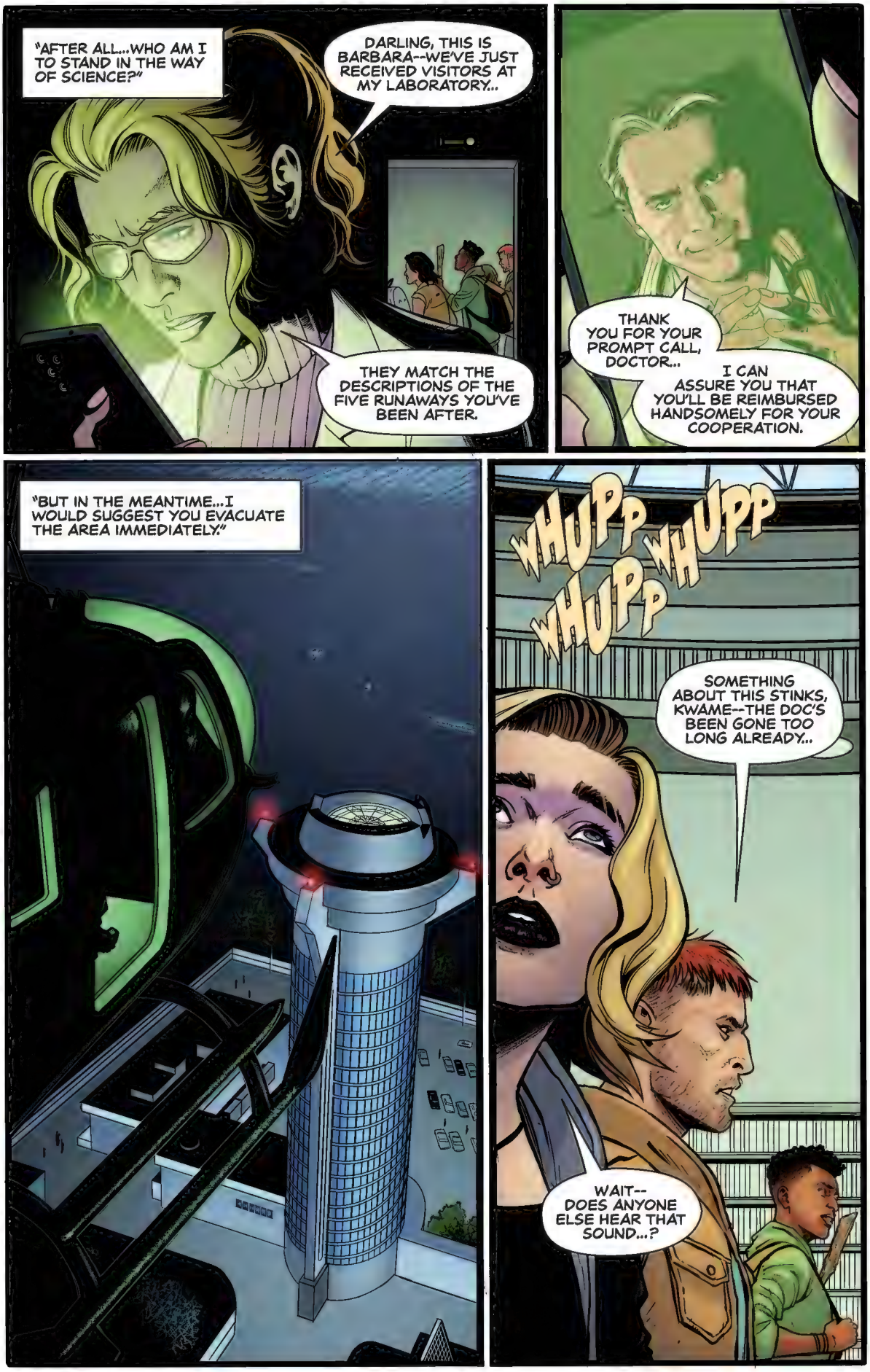
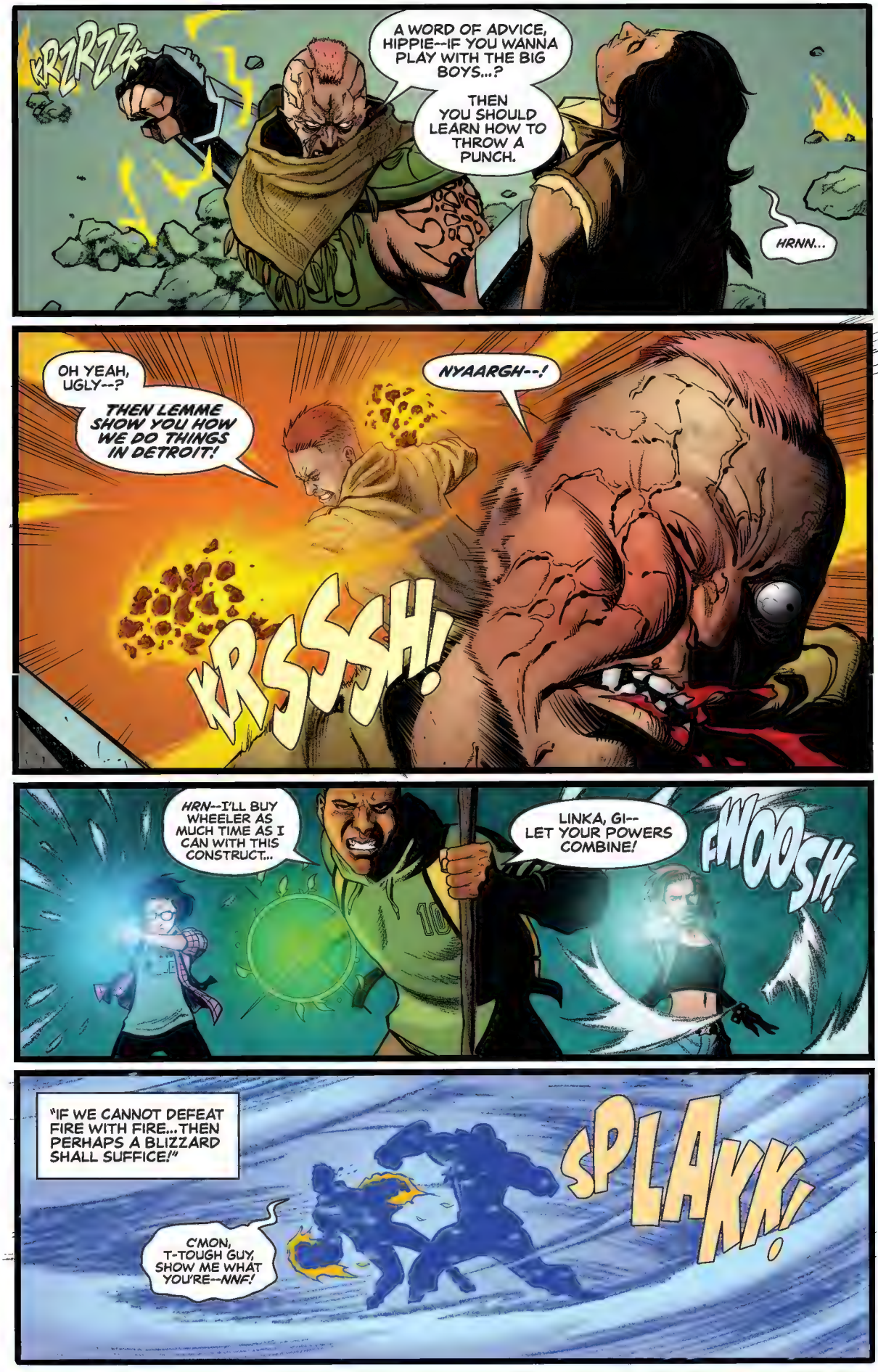
CAN I HELP YOU KIDS WITH SOMETHING?
WE'RE SO SORRY TO BARGE IN UNANNOUNCED, DOCTOR--WE'RE ALL HUGE FANS OF YOUR WORK...
YOUR RESEARCH ON ALGORITHMIC PREDICTION ALONE IS TRULY GROUND-BREAKING!
AHEM-- PERHAPS WE COULD GET TO THE POINT, GI...?
RIGHT! SO WE'RE CONDUCTING A LAB ON HOW STORM SYSTEMS MIGHT BE DRAWN TO URBAN AREAS...
AND THANKS TO YOUR M.A.L. ALGORITHM, YOU HAVE THE MOST SOPHISTICATED DATA IN THE ENTIRE REGION!
WE WERE HOPING YOU MIGHT HELP US TRIANGULATE ANY WEATHER ANOMALIES IN THE CITY OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS...
Y'KNOW... TO HELP US GET THAT EXTRA CREDIT?
...
I MUST SAY, THIS IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL, YOUNG LADY...BUT I DO REMEMBER BEING A STUDENT ONCE.
JUST ALLOW ME A MOMENT TO RETRIEVE THE FILES FROM MY OFFICE...


"AFTER ALL...WHO AM I TO STAND IN THE WAY OF SCIENCE?"
DARLING, THIS IS BARBARA--WE'VE JUST RECEIVED VISITORS AT MY LABORATORY...
THEY MATCH THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE FIVE RUNAWAYS YOU'VE BEEN AFTER.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT CALL, DOCTOR...
I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT YOU'LL BE REIMBURSED HANDSOMELY FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
"BUT IN THE MEANTIME...I WOULD SUGGEST YOU EVACUATE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY."
WHUPP WHUPP WHUPP WHUPP
SOMETHING ABOUT THIS STINKS, KWAME--THE DOC'S BEEN GONE TOO LONG ALREADY...
WAIT-- DOES ANYONE ELSE HEAR THAT SOUND...?

SHZRAK!
PLANETEERS--LOOK OUT!
FRAKOW!
I'D HEARD YOU PUNKS WERE PACKING SOME SERIOUS HARDWARE...
BUT YOU AIN'T GOT THE FIREPOWER TO TANGLE WITH DUKE NUKEM!
FRAKOW!
EVERYONE, KEEP YOUR DISTANCE--SOMEHOW HE'S FIRING MICROWAVE BLASTS!
MY ICE SHIELDS WON'T HOLD MUCH LONGER--WE NEED CAPTAIN PLANET!
TSSSSSSSS
IT'S TOO SOON--HE'S NOT STRONG ENOUGH YET!

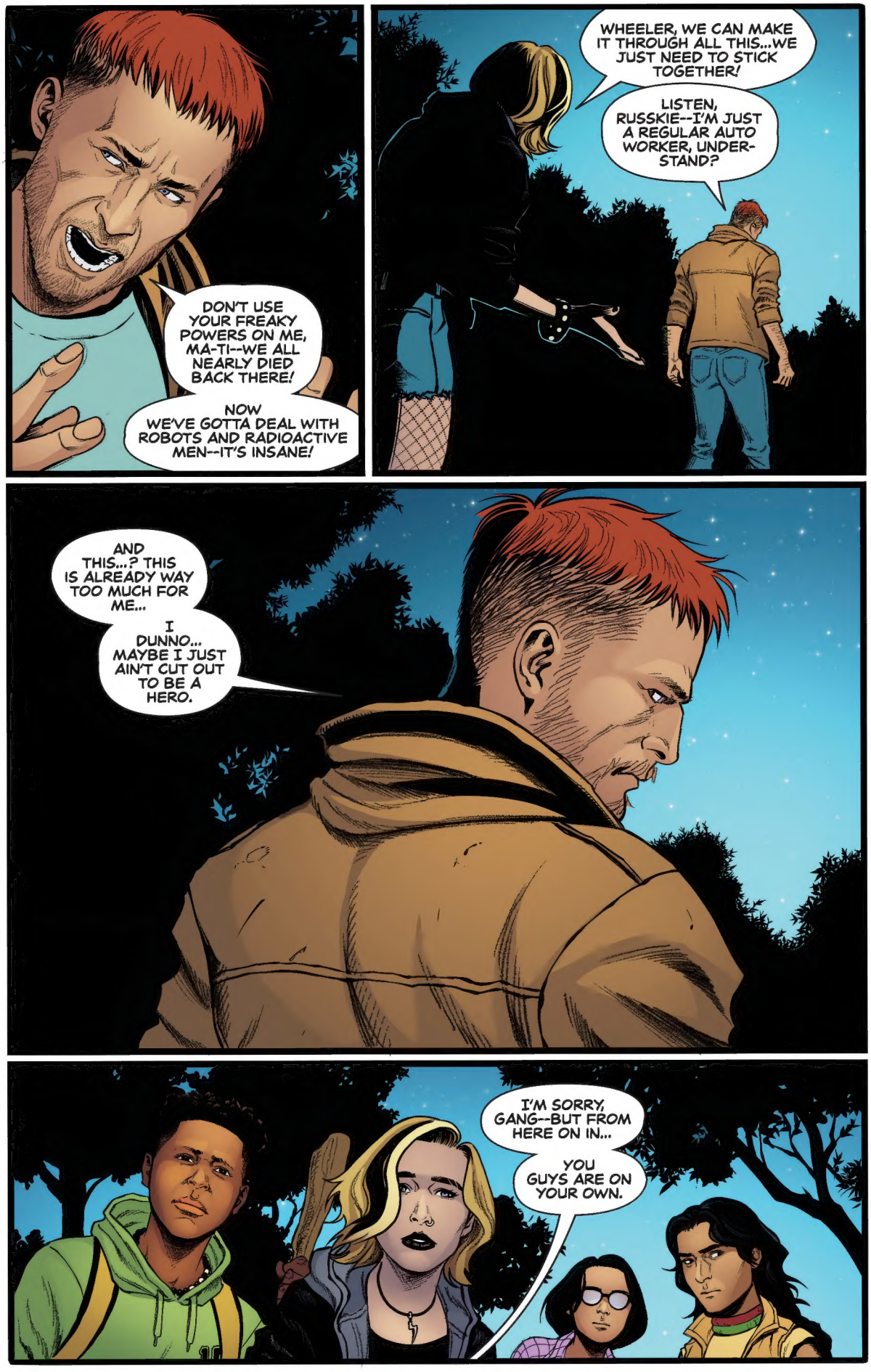
THEN IT'S UP TO US TO PREVAIL!
THRAKK!
THE POWER OF EARTH WILL DISPATCH THESE SOLDIERS...
WHEELER, LINKA--USE YOUR RINGS TO BARRICADE NUKEM!
FROOSH!
WHOOSH!
FINE--BUT YOU AIN'T THE BOSS OF ME, PEBBLES!
HEH-- NOT BAD, KID...
FROOOSH!
SEEMS LIKE YOU ENJOY PLAYING WITH FIRE... BUT ME?
MY GAUNTLETS WORK ON PURE RADIATION, BABY.
YREEEE
SHZRAK!
SO YOU CAN THROW AS MUCH HEAT AS YOU'D LIKE...
IT'LL JUST GIVE ME MORE FUEL TO BURN!

CAPTAIN--THEY'RE BEING OVERWHELMED!
THEN LET YOUR RING GUIDE YOU, MA-TI...
ONLY YOU CAN REACH INSIDE THAT MONSTER'S MIND...
H-HUH? WHAT THE--?!
SHOW HIM WHAT IT MEANS TO WIELD THE POWER OF HEART.
SHZRAAK!
GRRRR--GET OUTTA MY HEAD, YOU LITTLE FREAK!
NNFF... LINKA, GET INTO FORMATION--WE MUST HELP MA-TI...
LISTEN TO ME, KWAME--THIS ISN'T WORKING...
WE'RE NOT SOME FOOT-BALL SQUAD YOU CAN MUSCLE INTO POSITION...
WE'RE A FIVE-MAN BAND...
AND THE ONLY WAY WE'LL SURVIVE IS BY PLAYING OFF EACH OTHER.


KRZRZZ
A WORD OF ADVICE, HIPPIE--IF YOU WANNA PLAY WITH THE BIG BOYS...?
THEN YOU SHOULD LEARN HOW TO THROW A PUNCH.
HRNN...
OH YEAH, UGLY--?
THEN LEMME SHOW YOU HOW WE DO THINGS IN DETROIT!
NYAARGH--!
KRSSSH!
HRN--I'LL BUY WHEELER AS MUCH TIME AS I CAN WITH THIS CONSTRUCT...
LINKA, GI-- LET YOUR POWERS COMBINE!
FWOOSH!
"IF WE CANNOT DEFEAT FIRE WITH FIRE...THEN PERHAPS A BLIZZARD SHALL SUFFICE!"
C'MON, T-TOUGH GUY, SHOW ME WHAT YOU'RE--NNF!
SPLAKK!

PAFT
K-KEEP RUNNIN' YOUR MOUTH, PUNK...
I'M STILL G-GONNA FRY YOU LIKE AN EGG!
WHAT THE--?! N-NO--IT AIN'T POSSIBLE...
MY BLASTED GAUNTLETS ARE FROZEN!
TSSSS
SORRY, PAL--BUT YOU HAD YOUR SHOT...
AND I'M JUST GETTING WARMED UP!
FWAMM!
LEAVE HIM, WHEELER--WE MUST RETREAT BEFORE MORE SOLDIERS ARRIVE...

"RIGHT NOW, OUR GREATEST VICTORY IS WALKING OUT OF HERE IN ONE PIECE."
HAFF--I THINK WE'VE LOST THEM, KWAME...
MAYBE SO, LINKA... EXCEPT NOW WE'VE LOST OUR ONLY LEAD TO FINDING GAIA.
DON'T COUNT US OUT JUST YET, KWAME...
WHILE YOU ALL BATTLED DUKE NUKEM, I WAS ABLE TO SNAG THE GOOD DOCTOR'S BACKUP DRIVES...
AND WITH THIS DATA...I THINK WE CAN TRIANGULATE GAIA'S EXACT LOCATION!
LOOK AT THESE STICKY FINGERS-- WE'LL MAKE A PROPER ANARCHIST OF YOU YET, NERD-GIRL!
EXCELLENT WORK, GI--WE MIGHT JUST SAVE THIS WORLD AFTER ALL!
PERHAPS SO-- YET NOT ALL OF US ARE FULLY COMMITTED...
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND, WHEELER?


DON'T USE YOUR FREAKY POWERS ON ME, MA-TI--WE ALL NEARLY DIED BACK THERE!
NOW WE'VE GOTTA DEAL WITH ROBOTS AND RADIOACTIVE MEN--IT'S INSANE!
WHEELER, WE CAN MAKE IT THROUGH ALL THIS...WE JUST NEED TO STICK TOGETHER!
LISTEN, RUSSKIE--I'M JUST A REGULAR AUTO WORKER, UNDER-STAND?
AND THIS...? THIS IS ALREADY WAY TOO MUCH FOR ME...
I DUNNO... MAYBE I JUST AIN'T CUT OUT TO BE A HERO.
I'M SORRY, GANG--BUT FROM HERE ON IN...
YOU GUYS ARE ON YOUR OWN.

THREE HOURS LATER
SIGH-- YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, WHEELER...
HANGING OUT WITH THESE FOLKS WAS GONNA WIND UP GETTING YOU HURT...
...SO WHY DO I STILL FEEL LIKE GARBAGE ABOUT LEAVING?
PARDON ME, BUT I THINK I RECOGNIZE YOU FROM THE NEWS...
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO SAVED THOSE PEOPLE IN THAT FACTORY FIRE IN DETROIT?
YEAH, THAT'S ME-- WHAT'S IT TO YOU, PAL?
HONESTLY, I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRED PEOPLE WHO GIVE SO MUCH OF THEM-SELVES...
MY NAME IS LUCIAN PLUNDER--AND I'D LIKE TO OFFER YOU A DEAL...
NEXT: THE LAST TEMPTATION OF THE PLANETEERS!

ANOTHER HANNA-BARBERA CLASSIC IS BACK ON THE FOUR-COLOR PAGE!

WRITER JIMMY PALMIOTTI BREAKS IT DOWN!

***The Blue Falcon & Dynomutt* is one of the most iconic Hanna-Barbera shows, and we're excited to bring it back to comics. Similar to some of our other H-B titles — like *Space Ghost* — this classic series also follows a superhero arc, which makes it a natural fit for the medium. What history do you have with watching this goofy duo's original adventures?**

I was 15 at the time, and I remember watching them as part of a Saturday morning group of cartoons. I always thought they were silly fun, nothing ever too heavy, and they felt a lot like H-B's version of Batman with a dog sidekick that happens to be a robot. When I was offered this series from Dynamite, I had to go back and watch the cartoons again, and yeah, they were not the deepest story-wise, but there was a joy that the two main characters had and a connection between them that I thought would be a good story element to explore. Remember, our memories of things when we were young stay with us forever!

The show originally kicked off with Dynomutt leading the way in both the title and being more of the focus in the stories, although the second season switched to the shared title that our series is also using. What is your approach in writing the series and balancing these two characters? Is it a 50/50 share, or are you putting a bit more of the spotlight on one or the other?

I can relate more to Blue Falcon, and he is front and center in the story with Dynomutt starting off as a real dog rather than the mechanical mutt we see in the cartoons. This is not the origin of Blue Falcon, but a story about a man and his dog and their connection throughout a major event in both their lives — things happen that cause Radley to depend on the technology he created to help him out of his situation. By the end of the book, it becomes more 50/50 for both characters, but number one for me in writing this series is that it has to be fun — well, my version of fun anyway. I will say that some of it is much darker than people might remember, but it makes sense to the characters. I updated the world around them a bit for sure.

It sounds like you're taking a whole new spin on the world of Big City and the origins of Radley Crown and his faithful canine companion, which the original show barely touched on. How would you compare the tone you're going for with the more lighthearted original cartoon?

My take is not lighthearted, story-wise, but it has its moments where fun and humor are part of their lives, like they are for anyone, no matter how heavy things get. This series is all about relationships — the main one involving our characters, the love life of Radley Crown, and even the villain's relationship with the world. I always try to answer two simple questions with a new series: What do the characters want, and what do they fear? The answers are all here within their adventure together. I think this book will appeal to the diehard *Dynomutt* audience as well as anyone giving it a shot for the first time.

Pasquale Qualano is joining you for this series as your artistic companion in crimefighting. How is the collaboration going, and what's it been like seeing his pen bring your action-packed scripts to the page?

I always find it difficult to work with someone I haven't worked with before, and the cool part of diving right into this with Pasquale is that I am getting to watch him not only nail it, but also seeing how he gets better with each issue. His evolution in this book is really fun to watch as he starts to make Big City and its inhabitants live and breathe on the page. He has quite the future ahead of him! I am not always the easiest writer to deal with, I know, and he is doing a terrific job. Just wait till you see issue #3 — so impressive!

***The Blue Falcon & Dynomutt* were also famous for initially sharing a programming block with Scooby-Doo and his gang, and even featuring in multiple crossover episodes. Do you think that famous crew could fit into the vision you've built up for this series?**

I think it's an easy fit, especially with the world we are setting up in this series. Those kids and their Mystery Machine would fit right into Big City and the things going down in it! Radly is quite the businessman and inventor, so I think a trip investigating an insurance scam involving a crooked Big City politician haunting city hall would be a no-brainer. I also think Scooby and Dynomutt would be sniffing butts and getting along in no time.

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THE POWER IS YOURS - BUT NOT FOR LONG!
Things are go from bad to worse for our eco- heroes as they desperately fight against the overwhelming might of Lucian Plunder! Now, tapping into a corrupted power source, the malevolent Plunder unveils his newest and deadliest weapon - a twisted version of himself called Captain Pollution!

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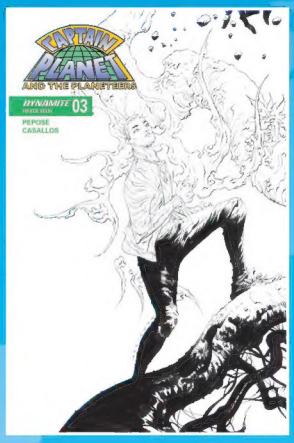

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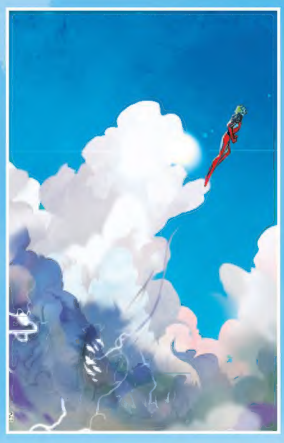

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